

REMARKS

The application has been amended to adapt the specification and claims of the underlying international application to U.S. practice. Claims 1 to 13 as presented in the underlying International Application No. PCT/EP02/12744 have been canceled, and new claims 14 to 27 have been added. No new matter has been added.

Applicants believe that no fees are due as a result of this amendment. In the event of a fee discrepancy, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0552.

Respectfully submitted,

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